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SUBJECT: PERSISTENT ANTI-CHINESE THEME IN POLISH PRESS

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1. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS THE EMBASSY HAS NOTED A PERSISTENT ANTI-CHINESE THEME IN THE POLISH PRESS, LARGELY BASED ON POLISH PRESS AGENCY STORIES OUT OF MOSCOW AND ELSEWHERE, BUT INCLUDING ONE LONG COMMENTARY IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY, BY ZYCIE'S FOREIGN EDITOR STANISLAW KOSTARSKI, WHO 25 YEARS AGO SERVED AS A YOUNG POLISH DIPLOMAT FOR TWO YEARS IN CHINA.

2. IN THE LATTER ARTICLE, ENTITLED "CHINESE ACTION IN ASIA-CONTRADICTORY INTENTIONS," KOSTARSKI NOTES A
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"GREAT EFFERVESCENCE OF CHINESE DIPLOMACY" IN SOUTHEAST

AND SOUTH ASIA AND CAUTION THAT "MANY THINS MAY HIDE BEHIND THE CHINESE SMILE." WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DESIRE OF ASIAN COUNTRIES TO NORMALIZE REALTION WITH CHINA NOW THAT THE WAR IN VIETNAM HAS ENDED AND THERE IS A MOVEMENT TOWARDS DETENTE IN EUROPE, KOSTARSKI QUESTIONS THE CHINESE NOTIVES IN THIS MATTER AND SUGGESTS THAT THE REAL CHINESE GOAL IS TO FORM AN ASIAN BLOC OF NATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.

3. ON AUGUST 22 TRYBUNA LUDU CARRIED TWO LENGTHY ANTI-CHINESE ARTICLES ON ITS FOREIGN NEW PAGE WITH PAP MOSCOW DATELINES, ONE ENTITLED " THE MEANING OF CHINESE ATTACKS ON USSR POLICY," AND THE OTHER " WHAT'S BEHIND THE SIGNS OF TENSION IN PEKING?" THE FORMER IS BASED ON A TASS COMMENTARY CHIDING THE "PEKING PROPAGANDISTS" FOR ATTEMPTING TO UNDER MINE THE "CONSTRUCTIVE SOVIET POLICY" BY CLAIMING THAT CSCE IS ONLY A SOVIET MANEUVER THAT WILL NOT LEAD TO AN "REAL SECURITY" FOR THE WEST EUROPEAN STATES. THE SECOND ARTICLE REGERS TO "WESTERN PRESS SOURCES" CONJECTURING ABOUT PREPARATIONS FOR A PRTY CONGRESS OR SOMETHING SIMILAR IN PEKING IN ORDER FOR THE "MILITARY BUREAUCRATIC GROUP" TO CONSOLIDATE ITS DICTATIORSHIP. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT THE MAOIST LEADERSHIP IS SEEKING A WAY OUT OF ITS GENERAL INTENAL POLITICAL CRISIS BY INTENSIFYING ITS "HOSTILE ANT-SOVIET COMAPAGN."

4. ALSO ON AUGUST 22 THE ARMY DAILY ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI CARRIED A LONG NOVOSTI ARTICLE ENTITLED "PROPAGANDA BOOMERANG FROM PEKING." THE ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT ON AUGUST 5, WHILE MOST OF THE WORLD WAS CELEBRATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE PARTIAL NUVLEAR TEST BAN AGREEMENT, THE CHINESE PRESS AGENCY SINHUA RELAESED A SPECIAL ARTICLE CALLING THE PACT A "GREAT SWINDLE" AND CHARGING THAT IN SIGNING THE PACT THE SOVIETS WERE MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO ACHIEVE "NUCLEAR HEGEMONY" AND PRACTIVE "NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL." THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE FACT THAT 120 NATIONS HAVE SINCE ADHERED TO THE PACT WHIL CHINA CONTINUES TO TEST IN THE ATMOSPHERE CLEARLY INDICATES THE ERROR OF THE CHINESE POSITION AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONLUDES WITH THE PROPHECY THAR A FALSE POLICY SOONER OR LATER BOOMERAGNS AGAINST IT PROPONENTS.

5. ZYCIE WARSZAWY ON AUGUST 23 CARRIED A BRIEF PAP ITEM WITH HAGUE AND PARIS DATELINES NOTING AFP REPORTS THAT CHOU EN LAI IN A CONVERSATION WITH VISITING DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS HAD WARNED AGAINST WESTERN EUROPE PERMITTING ITSELF TO BE DELUDED BY THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE OF

DETENTE AND ADVISED THAT THE WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS SHOULD LOOK TO UNITY AND STRENGTHENING OF DEFENSES. THE ARTICLE QUOTED ONE OF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS, MAX VAN DER STOEL, AS SAYING THAT CHOU'S POINT OF VIEW WAS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE AND WAS BASED ON THE EGOTISTICAL INTERESTS OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP.

6. A LOCAL COMMENTARY ON AUGUST 24 IN THE SILESIAN PARTY DAILY, TRYBUNA ROBOTNICZA, SAID TO HAVE THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN POLAND, TOUTS A SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AN ASIAN ZONE OF SECURITY, FIRST BROACHED IN 1969, AND SAYS THE PROPOSAL HAS ATTRACTED WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN ASIA, INCLUDING AMONG SEATO PACT MEMBERS. THE FLY IN THE OINTMENT AGAIN IS PEKING, DEPICTED BY THE ARTICLE AS REMAINING OPPOSED TO STABILIZATION AND CO-EXISTENCE IN ASIA BECAUSE IT SEES IN "EXACERBATED RELATIONS ON THE CONTINENT" CHANCES FOR INCREASING CHINA'S GREAT POWER ROLE.

7. FINALLY, TRYBUNA LUDU ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 24 THAT A BOOK ENTITLED "MAOISM" WILL SOON APPEAR IN THE BOOKSHOPS. THE BOOK WAS PREPARED BY THE INSTITUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MOVEMENT OF THE HIGHER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES ATTACHED TO THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND IS A COLLECTION OF ARTICLES BY SCIENTIFIC WORKERS OF POLAND, THE SOVIET UNION, AND EAST GERMANY. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE BOOK OUTLINES THE GENESIS AND EVOLUTION OF THE "DOMINATING MAOISM-IDEOLOGY IN CURRENT CHINESE POLICIES."

8. COMMENT: CLEARLY SOMETHING OF A COORDINATED ANTI-CHINESE, ANTI-MAOIST CAMPAIGN IS SURFACING. SINCE THE BOOK ON MAOISM CONSISTS OF ARTICLES BY EAST GERMAN, SOVIET AND POLISH AUTHORS, IT VERY LIKELY IS A JOINT PROJECT TO BE PUBLISHED IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES AND POSSIBLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ALIGNED WITH MOSCOW. THE EMBASSY'S PRESS OFFICER RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE AUGUST 3 PERSPEKTYWY ARTICLE (REFTEL) WITH THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR OF PERSPEKTYWY. THE LATTER SAID THAT THE ARTICLE RESULTED FROM A MEETING OF THE PERSPEKTYWY FOREIGN AFFAIRS STAFF WITH PZPR SECRETARY JAN SZYDLAK AND PARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR RYSZARD FRELEK, AT WHICH SZYDLAK GAVE SPECIFIC ORDERS FOR THE WRITING AND PUBLISHING OF AN ARTICLE ATTACKING THE CHINESE IDIOLOGICALLY. SZYDLAK SAID THAT THIS WAS TO BE BUT THE FIRST OF SUCH ARTICLES. DAVIES

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